

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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SPONGE IRON MINING
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the mining of sponge iron is not in operation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for making sponge iron mining operational in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a): Sponge iron is the intermediate metallurgical product in steel making and is produced by direct reduction of iron ore / pellets. Sponge iron is not a mineral. Hence, the question of mining of sponge iron does not arise.

(b) and (c): Does not arise in view of (a) above.